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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government kindly arrange to collect statistics so that they may make out a case to the Government of India for the rehabilitation scheme? "

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" I do not know whether it will be possible. Anyhow, I shall look into it."

Accidents on the Vandalur-Padappai Road.

* 54 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of accidents have been taking place on the Vandalur-Padappai road, on the banks of the Vandalur lake about 22 miles from Madras;

(b) whether it is a fact that accidents have been taking place on account of the narrowness of the path on the banks of the Vandalur lake through which the buses and other conveyances pass; and

(c) whether the Government propose to direct the widening of the path and the fixing of railings on both sides of the banks of the said lake?

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" (a) The District Magistrate, Chingleput, reported in April 1947 that there have been no accidents on the banks of Vandalur lake in 1945, 1946 and in 1947 up to the date of his report made in April 1947.

" (b) Does not arise in view of answer to clause (a).

" (c) There are no proposals for widening the path and for fixing railings on both sides of the road either in the post-war road programme or outside it. The Chief Engineer has however issued instructions to the officers concerned to examine the necessity for such a work and have asked them to include it in the post-war road programme if there is a case for it."

Rules governing travelling allowance of Hon. Speaker and Hon. President.

* 55 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) what the rules governing travelling allowances of the Hon. Speaker and the Hon. President are;

(b) whether in the discharge of their public duties they were entitled to tour and draw travelling allowances as in the case of the Hon. Ministers;

(c) whether any changes have been introduced virtually barring the Hon. Speaker and the Hon. President from undertaking any tours; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House copies of Government Orders relating to the travelling allowances of the Hon. Speaker and the Hon. President?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (*a*) The rules are contained in the Madras Legislature Travelling Allowance Rules copies of which have already been supplied to the hon. Members of the Legislature.

" (*b*) Yes. During the period from 26th February to 8th June 1947 they and their deputies were entitled to draw travelling allowance as in the case of the Hon. Ministers.

" (*c*) The rules in force from 1920 to 1947 were restored.

" (*d*) Orders of the Government relating to the travelling allowance of the Hon. President and the Hon. Speaker at present are contained in the Madras Legislature Travelling Allowance Rules copies of which have already been furnished to the hon. Members of the Legislature."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask the Minister for Finance, whether according to these rules, the Hon. the President and the Hon. the Speaker are entitled to draw their travelling allowances? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" When once a session is prorogued, they are entitled to go to their respective places and come back for the next session and draw their travelling allowances for the journey."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it the view of the Hon. Minister for Finance that they cannot undertake any journey in the discharge of their public duties? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" They could certainly undertake any amount of travelling but only they should not charge it to the Government."

Radio Supervisors under the Provincial Broadcasting Department.

* 56 SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the minimum educational and technical qualifications prescribed for the Radio Supervisors under the Provincial Broadcasting department ;

(*b*) what the scale of pay before and after the recent revision is ;

(*c*) whether any distinction is made regarding the starting basic salary between the salary paid to Physics Graduate and those with other qualifications ;

(*d*) whether the Physics Graduates are entitled to higher starting salary even when they do not possess other technical qualifications ; and

(*e*) who the recruiting authority is of the Radio Supervisors?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) to (*e*) Attention is invited to the paper[a] placed on the table."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 300—301 infra.